

AQORD * LINK

User Manual

Valid for build version 4.1.0 and newer

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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual explains how to use and install an AQORD *LINK product.

This manual is for AQORD *LINK users.

The AQORD *LINK is part of a system that can be used to encode, transcode, transrate, decode, store, replay and transmit MPEG2 Transport Stream (H264/AVC codec) to other equipment (Satellite, internet provider, IP network transmission) through Internet Protocols.

2. SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS

Notice

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General instructions for security

The device is manufactured in accordance with today's technology and with respect to security regulations.

The encoder must not be opened. Top removal or disassembly of mechanical parts results in the invalidation of the product warranty.

The top housing of this AQORD *LINK product should always be in place during normal operation. Top removal should be performed only by a qualified person.

You, as the user of the product, should follow these warnings and all other safety precautions necessary for the safe operation of the equipment in your operating environment.

Please make sure to read the whole User's manual before connecting AQORD *LINK equipment. This manual is part of the device and is delivered with it. Please refer to and respect safety and security precautions.

The electrical safety hazards should not be ignored, as they are as great as other electrical systems operating from AC power lines. The voltages involved and the current available have the potential to cause fatal electric shock. Although the AQORD *LINK product is compliant to CE electrical requirements and additional safety features have been included in their design, the following safety precautions should be noted and observed under the control of the responsible authority:

1. Do not remove top cover of the AQORD *LINK product.
2. The Mains power cord is connected to the power source by an IEC connector that can be used to disconnect the

AQORD *LINK from the Mains power and must be kept accessible to the user at all times.

3. The mains cord must be plugged in a socket comprising an Earth connection. The unit must not be disconnected from the Earth as it may impair the electrical protection and render the equipment dangerous.

The User must observe the safety precautions listed below to ensure the safety of personnel and equipment.

Do not operate in explosive atmospheres

Do not operate the equipment in the presence of flammable gases and fumes. The use of equipment in this environment constitutes a danger to plant and personnel.

Do not substitute parts or modify equipment

Introducing any substitute parts not provided by DIGIGRAM invalidates warranty and poses an additional risk. It is forbidden to install substitute boards or perform any equipment modification whatsoever without the prior approval of DIGIGRAM..

Environment

Do not operate the device in an uncontrolled environment where temperature is below 0°C (32 F) or above 50°C (122 F), as this will damage the equipment. Do not allow liquid to enter the equipment, accidentally or otherwise. Ventilation holes are sized for correct air convection, they protect the equipment from overheating, do not cover the ventilation holes at any time.

Warning

The system must be plugged to electrical equipment, which conforms to the country norms in use (France – NFC 15-100). The electrical equipment must be fitted out with protections over intensity, over voltage, ground plug defaults

All equipment connected to the AQORD *LINK should be in accordance with EN 60950-1.

Power supply plug is used as safety device. The base of the socket must be placed next to the equipment and be easily accessible.

Keep air intakes free of any obstruction to avoid any risk of over heating.

When system is open, do not perform any other modifications except from those from user's manual.

To avoid personal injury or equipment damage, turn power off before performing any technical support.



Under certain conditions, dangerous voltages may exist even with power cable removed. to avoid injuries, always disconnect power and discharge circuits before touching them.

If battery is replaced with different battery type, there may be a risk of explosion. Please recycle old batteries as directed by national environmental protection regulation.

CE Notice (European Community)

Marking a system with the "CE" symbol indicates compliance of that system to the EMC and Low Voltage directives of the European Community. A system with the CE marking meets or exceeds the following technical standards:

EN 55022 "Limits and methods of measurement of radio interference characteristics of information technology equipment," Class A.

EN 61000-6-2 "Electromagnetic compatibility - Generic immunity standard
Part 2: Residential, commercial, and light industry."

EN 61000-3-2 "Limits for harmonic currents emissions"

EN 61000-3-3 " Limitation of voltage fluctuation and flickers in low voltage supply systems

EN 61000-4-2 "limits and methods of measurement - Section 2: electrostatic discharge immunity test"

EN 61000-4-3 "limits and methods of measurement – Section 3: Radiated radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test"

EN 61000-4-4 "limits and methods of measurement - Section 4: Electrical fast transient / burst immunity test"

EN 61000-4-5 "limits and methods of measurement - Section 5: Surge immunity test"

EN 61000-4-6 "limits and methods of measurement - Section 6: immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields"

EN 61000-4-8 "limits and methods of measurement - Section 8: Power frequency magnetic field immunity test"

EN 61000-4-11 "limits and methods of measurement - Section 11: Voltage dips, short interruptions as voltage variations immunity tests"

ENV 50204 " Radiated electromagnetic field from digital radio telephones immunity test."

EN 60950-1 (2006) "Safety of information technology equipment, including electrical business equipment."

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3. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

AQORD *LINK products are HD and SD hardware video encoder, decoder, transcoder using the H.264/AVC codec.

The AQORD *LINK product line includes 3 products:

- **AQORD *LINK 1C : 1 channel**
- **AQORD *LINK 2C : 2 channels**
- **AQORD *LINK SC : 2 channels and downscaler inside**

Option can be added to these products:

- **AQORD-OPT/1CH-HD:** HD option for AQORD*LINK 1C only. Video formats supported: 1280x720 59.94p, 1440x1080 59.94i, 1440x1080 50i, 1920x1080 59.94i, 1920x1080 50i.
- **AQORD-OPT/2CH-HD:** HD option for AQORD*LINK 2C only. Video formats supported: 1280x720 59.94p, 1440x1080 59.94i, 1440x1080 50i, 1920x1080 59.94i, 1920x1080 50i.
- **AQORD-OPT/SW-ENC:** Software encoder option. Add software encoding capability to AQORD *LINK products for WebTV, mobile phone and IPTV applications. Video codecs available: H.264, MPEG2. Audio codec: AAC series. Container format: MPEG-TS, HTTP Live Streaming, Flash RTMP... (to use this option refer to AQORD-OPT/SW-ENC specific user manual).
- **AQORD-OPT/FEC :** FEC option, Pro Mpeg FEC CoP3 standard

See chapter **Erreur ! Source du renvoi introuvable.** for product and option commercial references and contact your local reseller for more information.

The device form factor is 19" in width and 1RU in height. It is rack mountable in a 19" rack.

On the rack side, a label identifies the product. The label details:

- The serial number
- The commercial reference



4. ENCLOSED ACCESSORIES



N°	Accessory	Function
1	SDI SD/HD cable	The input raw video SD / HD is via the cable
2	Ethernet cable	Used to connect the device to an Ethernet network
3	Quick Start Guide	Instruction to quickly install and configure your AQORD *LINK

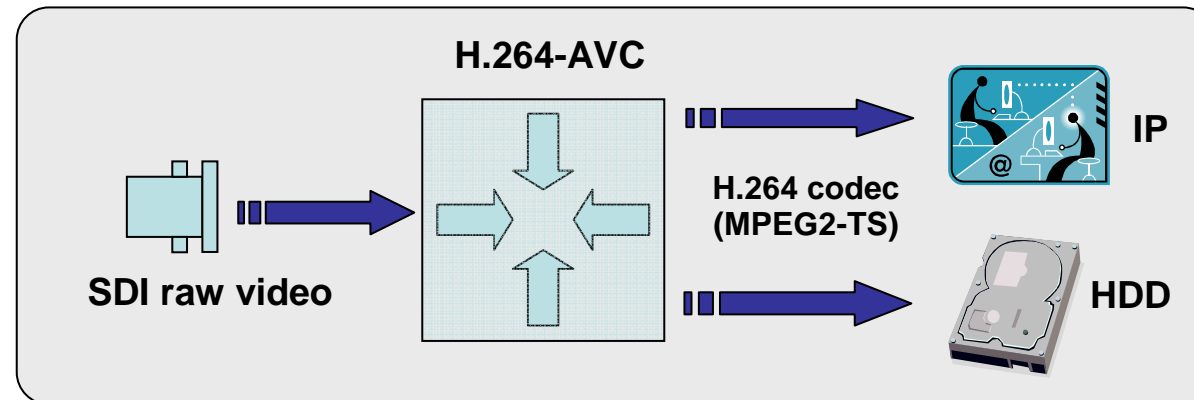
5. TECHNICAL FEATURES

Technical features	Descriptions	AQORD 1C	AQORD 2C	AQORD SC
CHANNEL NUMBER	up to 2 channels	1	2	2
CHANNEL FUNCTIONS	Encoding or Decoding or Transcoding	X	X	X
ENCODING FUNCTION	Input: SD/HD-SDI (SMPTE 292, 259M)	X	X	X
	Output: MPEG2 Transport Stream over UDP-RTP/IP or HDD	X	X	X
DECODING FUNCTION	Input: MPEG2 Transport Stream over UDP-RTP/IP or HDD	X	X	X
	Output: SD/HD-SDI (SMPTE 292, 259M)	X	X	X
TRANSCODING FUNCTION : MPEG2 to H.264	Input: MPEG2 Transport Stream over UDP-RTP/IP or HDD	X	X	X
	Output: MPEG2 Transport Stream over UDP-RTP/IP or HDD	X	X	X
TRANSCODING FUNCTION : H.264 to H.264 (2 channels used)	Input: MPEG2 Transport Stream over UDP-RTP/IP or HDD		X	X
	Output: MPEG2 Transport Stream over UDP-RTP/IP or HDD		X	X
VIDEO RESOLUTIONS	720x480 59.94i, 720x576 50i	X	X	X
	1920x1080 59.94i, 1920x1080 50i, 1440x1080 59.94i, 1440x1080 50i, 1280x720 59.94p,	XX*	XX*	X
VIDEO SPECIFICATIONS	H264/AVC Main Profile Level 3.0, High Profile Level 4.0	X	X	X
	VBR, CBR	X	X	X
	4.2.0 8-bit	X	X	X
	Video encoding rate: 0.5 to 20 Mbps	X	X	X
AUDIO SPECIFICATIONS	Encoding and Decoding formats:	X	X	X
	- MPEG1 Layer 2 2-ch	X	X	X
IP INPUT/OUTPUT	3 GbE RJ45, RTP-UDP/IP, Unicast/Multicast	X	X	X
	Stream up to 20 different IP addresses	X	X	X
STORAGE CAPACITY	1TBytes SATA disk	X	X	X
APPLIANCE MANAGEMENT	Remote: Web based management	X	X	X
	Local MMI/LCD-Keypad	X	X	X
	Security: Fan control, Temperature control	X	X	X
	Presets: Up to 100 different encoding/decoding profiles	X	X	X
OTHERS FEATURES	Pro-MPEG CoP#3 Forward Error Correction	XX*	XX*	XX*
	Web encoding format, HTTP Live Streaming, Adobe Flash	XX*	XX*	XX*
	Downscaling HD to SD			X
DIMENSIONS/WEIGHT	19", 1RU, 43.9 cm depth; Weight 7.9 kg	X	X	X
POWER SUPPLY	Input Voltage Range: 90-264VAC	X	X	X
	Power consumption: (Max) 80W, 2 channels	X	X	X
ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS	Temperature: Operating 0°C TO 50°C, Storage -20°C TO 70°C,	X	X	X
	Humidity 85% non-condensing	X	X	X
COMPLIANCE	EMC: EN55022, EN55024	X	X	X
	Safety: EN 60950	X	X	X

XX* : Optional

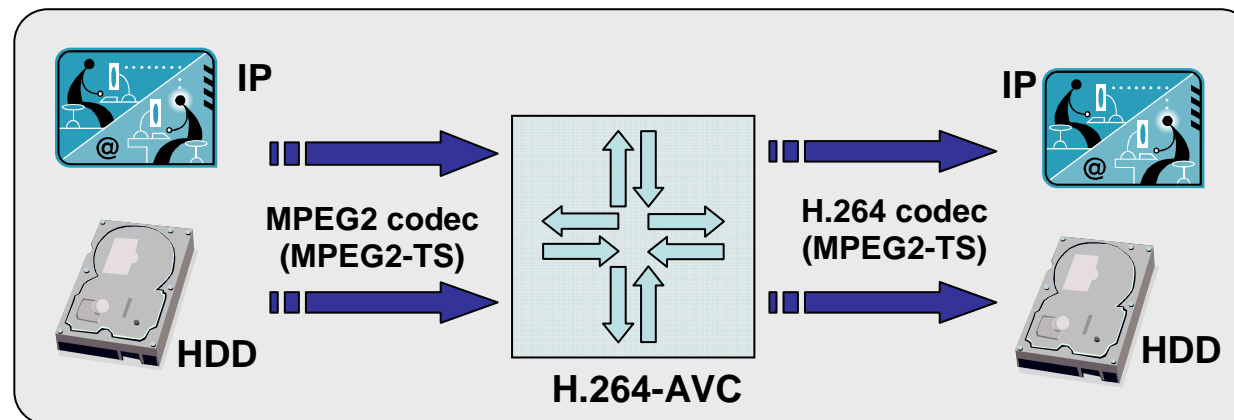
6. AQORD *LINK MAIN FUNCTIONS

6.1. ENCODING

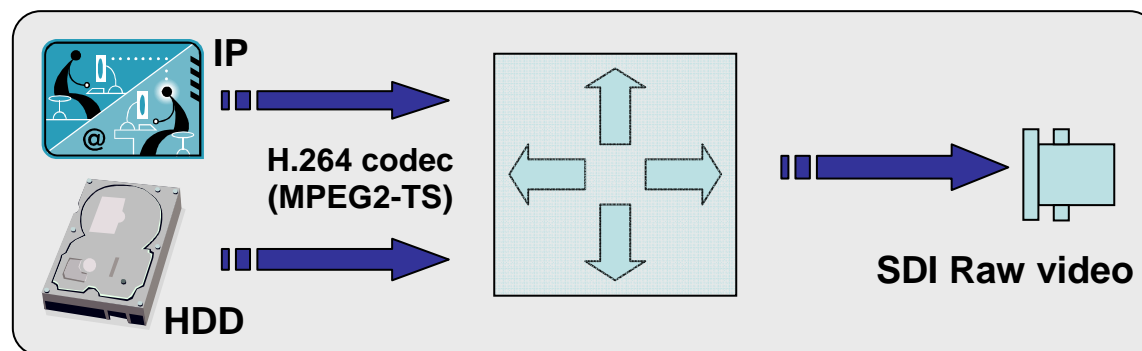


The output can be IP **and** HDD at the same time.

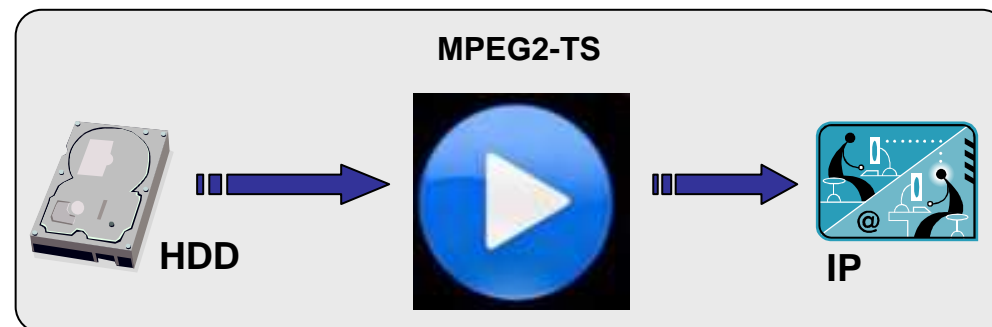
6.2. TRANSCODING



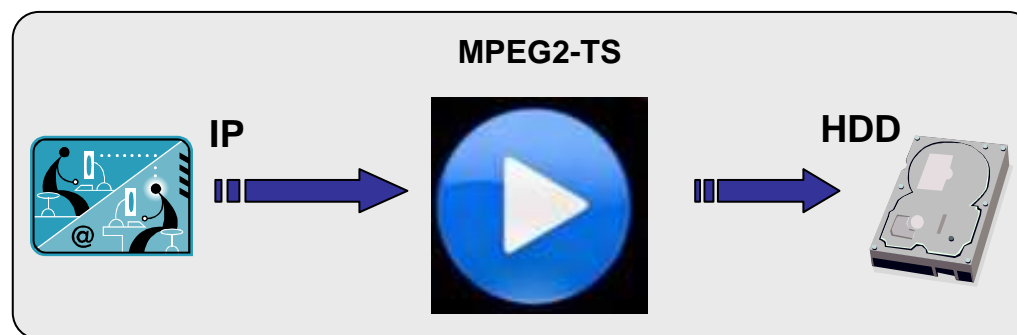
6.3. DECODING



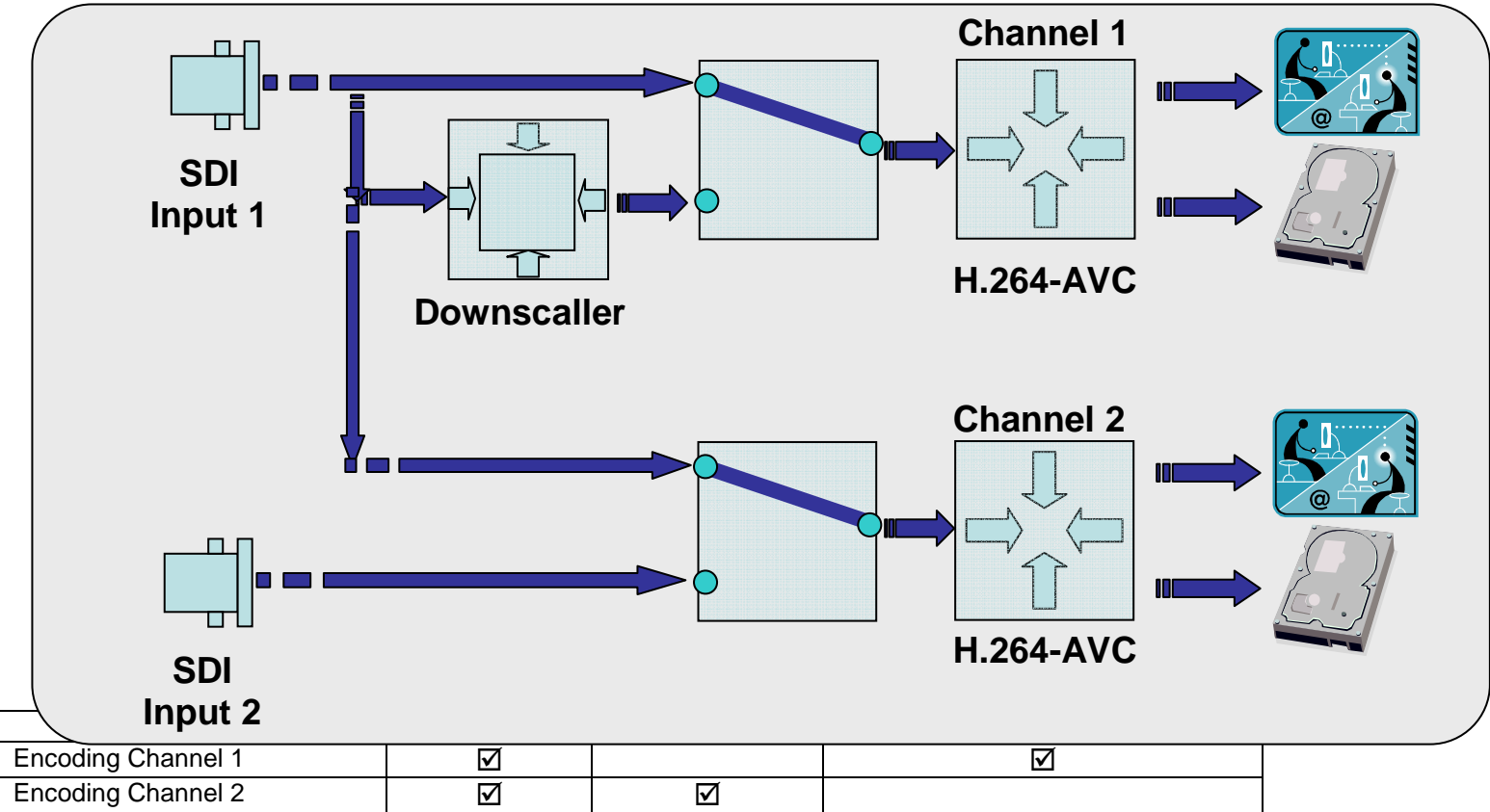
6.4. STREAMING



6.5. RECORDING



6.6. AQORD *LINK SC



Examples of application:

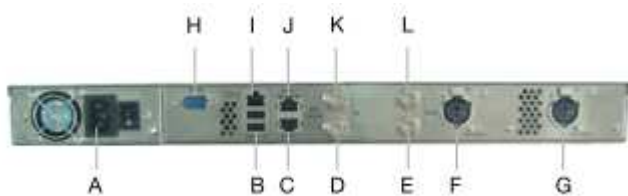
- Encode the same HD-SDI input in HD and SD at the same time.
- Encode the same HD-SDI input in two HD streams with different bit rates for two different diffusions (Satellite and IPTV).

7. INSTALLATION

Before connecting Mains plug, verify that the power switch located next to the outlet (A) is in position "0". Refer to the Quick Start Guide provided with the AOQRD *LINK to proceed to the cabling.

List of connections (AQORD *LINK Encoder example, see serigraphy on rear panel for detail of connection for each product):


- Mains cord socket (A)
- Audio XLR cable, balanced Audio (F, G) : optional
- Video SDI input cable (K, D): optional
- Monitoring cable (L, E) : optional
- Ethernet cable (I, J, C) : optional
- Copper cord on the stud (beside the power switch off)



- A. Main plug
- B. USB 2.0 connectors (x2)
- C. Gigabit Ethernet connector ETH0
- D. SDI input, Channel 2
- E. Monitoring of SDI inputs, Channel 2
- F. Audio XLR input, Channel 1
- G. Audio XLR input, Channel 2
- H. RS232 connector
- I. Gigabit Ethernet connector ETH2
- J. Gigabit Ethernet connector ETH1
- K. SDI input, Channel 1
- L. Monitoring of SDI inputs, Channel 1

8. POWER ON

Once connected to the Mains power, switch power button located next to the outlet (A) to position "1".

The  key allows the User to start the AQORD *LINK Encoder.

9. POWER OFF

There are two ways to power the AQORD *LINK down:

- From local interface
- From Web interface

From local interface: Refer to chapter 11.4

From Web interface: Press the "Shutdown" button, which is accessible from the "System Administration" page, see Chapter 10.2.1.

10. WEB INTERFACE

During the first AQORD *LINK connection through an Internet browser, use the following IP address:

- <http://192.168.0.1> (factory setting)

To configure the IP address of the AQORD *LINK, see Chapter 10.2.4.

To revert to factory settings, see Chapter 11.6.

Note: use "admin" for login and "admin" for password (factory setting).

10.1. “HOME” PAGE

This page shows the type of AQORD *LINK product which the browser is connected to, namely: "AQORD *LINK 1C / 1C / SC".

It allows quick access to various settings of the machine:

- Profile administration: "Profile".
- User hard disk space and video files: "Video Files".
- Systems parameters: "System Administration".

10.2. “SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION” PAGES

10.2.1. “SHUTDOWN/RESTART”

This screen allows you to restart or stop the AQORD *LINK. Re-starting AQORD *LINK is necessary when changing network settings (see chapter 10.2.4).

10.2.2. “MACHINE NAME”

An arbitrary name can be assigned to the AQORD *LINK. This name then appears in the Internet browser tab and in the banner at the top of the page (written in white).

10.2.3. "PASSWORD"

The AQORD *LINK login is factory set to: "admin". This page allows the User to change the password.

To change the password, follow the instructions below:

1. Enter the factory settings or your own login and password.
2. Enter the new password and confirm the new password.
3. Click on "Save Setting" button to save these new parameters.

10.2.4. "NETWORKING"

Any change in the Ethernet settings of the AQORD *LINK unit will require a restart to be completely applied. (See Chapter 10.2.1).

ETH0 can only have a static address.

We ETH1 or ETH2 are not used check disable in the "Mode" choice.

Field	Description	Possible value
"ETH0 connection"		
IP address	Self explanatory	Example : 172.16.176.1 (Write)
Subnet mask	Self explanatory	Example: 255.255.0.0 (Write)
Gateway address	Self explanatory	Example: 172.16.176.20 (Write)
"ETH1 connection"		
interface state and user mode	"Disable": connection not used "Use DHCP": Automatic IP address allocation. "Use static network address": Self explain	
IP address	Self explanatory	Example: 172.16.176.2 (Write)
Subnet mask	Self explanatory	Example: 255.255.0.0 (Write)
Gateway address	Self explanatory	Example: 172.16.176.20 (Write)
"ETH2 connection"		
interface state and user mode	"Disable": connection not used "Use DHCP": Automatic IP address allocation "Use static network address": Self explain	
IP address	Self explanatory	Example: 172.16.176.3 (Write)
Subnet mask	Self explanatory	Example: 255.255.0.0 (Write)
Gateway address	Self explanatory	Example: 172.16.176.20 (Write)

10.2.5. "DATE AND TIME"

This page allows the setting of the system time and date.

10.2.6. "SYSTEM STATUS"

Field	Description	Possible value
"SDI link"		
Channel 1	Indicates whether an SDI signal is present on the SDI input on Channel 1	Locked, Unlocked (Read only)
Channel 2	Indicates whether an SDI signal is present on the SDI input on Channel 2	Locked, Unlocked (Read only)
"Hardware error"		
Channel 1	Indicates that an error occurs during encoding on Channel 1	(Read only)
Channel 2	Indicates that an error occurs during encoding on Channel 2	(Read only)
"Temperatures"		
Sensor 1	Internal chassis temperature at location 1	(Read only)
Sensor 2	Internal chassis temperature at location 2	(Read only)
Sensor 3	Internal chassis temperature at location 3	(Read only)
"Fan's Speed"		
Fan 1	Self explanatory	rpm (Read only)
Fan 2	Self explanatory	rpm (Read only)
"Network interface"		
ETH0	IP address dedicated to this interface	192.168.0.1 (Read only)
ETH1	IP address dedicated to this interface	192.254.0. 60(Read only)
ETH2	IP address dedicated to this interface	192.235.0.1 (Read only)
"CPU Load"		
Total	Image of the CPU load	15% (Read only)

10.2.7. "VERSION"

Field	Description	Possible value
Machine identification	Type of AQORD *LINK product	(Read only)
Build identification	Software version	(Read only)
Software identification	Firmware version	(Read only)
Hardware identification	Hardware identification (Channels 1 and 2)	(Read only)
H264 identification	H264 version identification	(Read only)

10.2.8. "UPDATE"

This page allows the User to update the AQORD *LINK version software from using an update file or to add an option using a license file.

Follow the instructions below to update the software:

1. Click on "Select a file" or "*Choisir un fichier*" button to browse and select the file.
2. Click on "Update" button.
3. The page below displays the update report at the end of the update process.. Verify that the status of all of the steps displayed is "OK".
4. A restart is required to complete the upgrade. Click on the button "Restart".

10.3. ENCODING PROFILES MANAGEMENT PAGES

10.3.1. "CHANNEL CONFIGURATION"




This page allows setting the channels parameters (Board configuration) and shows some information (Board infos) of each channel. AQORD *LINK can have up to 2 channels.

"True" means the function is available.








Field	Description	Possible value
Board infos		
SDI input lock	Status of SDI input connector. Then "true", a SDI signal is present on the connector	True/False(Read only)
Downscaler available	Feature available in AQORD *LINK SC	True/False (Read only)
Encoder	Encoding function	True/False (Read only)
Decoder	Decoding function	True/False (Read only)
Transcoder	Transcoding function	True/False (Read only)
HD supported	Type of AQORD *LINK product	(Read only)
Board configuration		
Downscaler	Turn on the downscaler function. AQORD *LINK SC product only.	On/Off (Write only, channel 1 only)
SDI input	Allow to choose input video from SDI1 input or SDI2 input (see marking on the rear connector panel). AQORD *LINK SC product only.	1/2 (Write only, channel 2 only)
Input Video Format	Should represent the video format input in the SDI connector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1920x1080 50i• 1920x1080 60i• 1440x1080 50i• 1440x1080 60i• 1280x720 60p• 720x576 50i (PAL/SECAM)• 720x480 50i (NTSC) (Write only)
Input Audio	Indicated if raw audio is input through XLR or SDI connector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Embedded audio (SDI connector)• AES/EBU audio (XLR connector) (Write only)

10.3.2. "PROFILE LIST"

The Profiles defined in the AQORD *LINK are displayed in this page. Each Profile can be started, stopped, copied, modified or deleted from this page. It allows the management of encoding Profiles. For more details, see chapter 12 of this manual.

The following buttons   allow the User to respectively start and stop the corresponding Profile. When the button has a grey colour  the Profile can not be started because the channel is already used by another Profile. Before starting a profile, please check the "Channels configuration" parameters are correct (match the input video format and audio input).

Meaning of the icons:

-  the profile is stopped
-  the profile is started
-  the profile cannot be started because the channel is already used by another Profile
-  access to profile parameters
-  copy the profile
-  delete the profile
-  create a new profile

10.3.2.1 “Profile settings” page

Depending on the function chosen in “Using Mode”, the “Profile Setting Page” changes and displays the corresponding parameters.

Field/Button	Description	Possible values
“Identification”		
Profile name	Name assigned to this Profile	20 alphanumeric characters
Default Profile	One Profile in the list can be nominated as the “Default” Profile. This Profile can be "Started" or "Stopped" respectively when sending the "REC" and "STOP" commands via an RS422 link.	checked, not checked
“Using mode”		
Function	Choice of the function performed by the machine (see the glossary section 14).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encoder HW• Decoder HW• Transcoder HW• MPEG2 TS Streamer/Recorder
“SDI input”		
SDI channel	Choice of the encoding channel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Channel #1• Channel #2
“Container”		
Muxer output format	Choice of the container. Only MPEG-TS available. (Over containers are available adding the software encoding option : AQORD-OPT/SW-ENC contact your DIGIGRAM representative for more information)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MP2-TS (MPEG-TS)

Field/Button	Description	Possible values
"Output"		
Local file name	Name of file to be created during encoding	No space allowed. Use "%i" in the file name to create a new file at each profile start ("%i" is replaced by an incremental number)
"Browse" button	Opens a window to see the hard disk content of user space and choose an existing file. WARNING: This video file will be deleted and replaced each time the Profile is started.	
"Clear" button	Clears the contents of the field "Local file name"	
Network protocol	Choice of transmission protocol on the network.	"Network UDP", "Network RTP", and "Network RTP with FEC" ¹
"Settings..." button	Allows you to choose the number of TS packets in an IP packet	Default value = 7 [1..7]
IP Address & UDP port	Field "IP address "	Example : 172.16.176.20
IP Address & UDP port	Field "Port"	Example : 5004
IP Address & UDP port	Check "M" and "Interfaces 0, 1, 2" When using a multicast address, check "M" and the interfaces number which video will stream out	
IP Address & UDP port	"Append" button It is possible to stream video to multiple IP addresses simultaneously. This button allows you to add new IP addresses.	
IP Address & UDP port	"Clear" button Delete IP address.	
IP Time To Live (TTL)	Define the TTL number of the IP packets.	
"Video"		
Bit rate mode	Allows the User to choose between "Variable Bit Rate" and "Constant Bit Rate". (See glossary chapter 14, CBR, VBR).	
Video bit rate	Defined the bit rate in CBR mode, In VBR mode, the bit rate can be lower or equal to the value in the "Bit rate" field.	Example : 7000 kbps (kbit/s)

¹ FEC is an optional feature, refer to paragraph 10.3.2.3 for more details

Field/Button	Description	Possible values
"Audio"		
Codec	CODEC used for audio encoding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MPEG-1 Audio Layer2
Bit rate	Bit rate of the audio stream	Example : 128 kbps (kbit/s)
"MPEG-TS"		
MPEG-TS bit rate	Calculated bit rate of MPEG Transport Stream based on Audio and Video bit rate	
MPEG-TS bit rate	<p>"MPEG-TS bit rate forced (NULL padding)"</p> <p>This box allows t the User to impose the bit rate of MPEG-TS, NULL packets.. NULL packets are added to the stream to reach the desired bit rate.</p>	checked, not checked
Estimated Network bit rate	Calculated bit rate on the IP network depends on audio and video bit rates, MPEG-TS and IP packet overheads.	
Program Map Table	PMT ID number	1 → 8190
Video PID	Video ID number	1 → 8190
Audio PID	Audio ID number	1 → 8190
Program Clock Reference (PCR)	PCR ID number	1 → 8190
Selection Information Table (SIT)	SIT ID number	1 → 8190
Program Number	Program ID	1 → 65535
"Identification"		
Profile name	Name assigned to this Profile	20 alphanumeric characters
Default Profile	One Profile in the list can be nominated as the "Default" Profile. This Profile can be "Started" or "Stopped" respectively when sending the "REC" and "STOP" commands via an RS422 link.	checked, not checked
"Using mode"		
Function	Choice of the function performed by the machine (see the glossary section 14).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encoder HW Decoder HW Transcoder HW MPEG2 TS Streamer/Recorder
"SDI input"		
SDI channel	Choice of the encoding channel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Channel #1 Channel #2

Field/Button	Description	Possible values
"Container"		
Muxer output format	Choice of the container. Only MPEG-TS available. (Over containers are available adding the software encoding option : AQORD-OPT/SW-ENC contact your DIGIGRAM representative for more information)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MP2-TS (MPEG-TS)
"Output"		
Local file name	Name of file to be created during encoding	No space allowed. Use "%i" in the file name to create a new file at each profile start ("%i" is replaced by an incremental number)
"Browse" button	Opens a window to see the hard disk content of user space and choose an existing file. WARNING: This video file will be deleted and replaced each time the Profile is started.	
"Clear" button	Clears the contents of the field "Local file name"	
Network protocol	Choice of transmission protocol on the network.	"Network UDP", "Network RTP", and "Network RTP with FEC" ¹
"Settings..." button	Allows you to choose the number of TS packets in an IP packet	Default value = 7 [1..7]
IP Address & UDP port	Field "IP address "	Example : 172.16.176.20
IP Address & UDP port	Field "Port"	Example : 5004
IP Address & UDP port	Check "M" and "Interfaces 0, 1, 2" When using a multicast address, check "M" and the interfaces number which video will stream out	
IP Address & UDP port	"Append" button It is possible to stream video to multiple IP addresses simultaneously. This button allows you to add new IP addresses.	
IP Address & UDP port	"Clear" button Delete IP address.	
IP Time To Live (TTL)	Define the TTL number of the IP packets.	

¹ FEC is an optional feature, refer to paragraph 10.3.2.3 for more details

Field/Button	Description	Possible values
"Video"		
Bit rate mode	Allows the User to choose between "Variable Bit Rate" and "Constant Bit Rate". (See glossary chapter 14, CBR, VBR).	
Video bit rate	Defined the bit rate in CBR mode, In VBR mode, the bit rate can be lower or equal to the value in the "Bit rate" field.	Example : 7000 kbps (kbit/s)
"Audio"		
Codec	CODEC used for audio encoding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MPEG-1 Audio Layer2
Bit rate	Bit rate of the audio stream	Example : 128 kbps (kbit/s)
"MPEG-TS"		
MPEG-TS bit rate	Calculated bit rate of MPEG Transport Stream based on Audio and Video bit rate	
MPEG-TS bit rate	"MPEG-TS bit rate forced (NULL padding)" This box allows t the User to impose the bit rate of MPEG-TS, NULL packets.. NULL packets are added to the stream to reach the desired bit rate.	checked, not checked
Estimated Network bit rate	Calculated bit rate on the IP network depends on audio and video bit rates, MPEG-TS and IP packet overheads.	
Program Map Table	PMT ID number	1 → 8190
Video PID	Video ID number	1 → 8190
Audio PID	Audio ID number	1 → 8190
Program Clock Reference (PCR)	PCR ID number	1 → 8190
Selection Information Table (SIT)	SIT ID number	1 → 8190
Program Number	Program ID	1 → 65535

10.3.2.2 PID auto detection

In Decoding and Transcoding modes, use the "Scan Input PID" button to automatically scan the encoded video input. The detected PIDs are display. To use this PID, click "Click here to use this program".

10.3.2.3 “FEC” Parameters: Forward Error Correction

Unfortunately, real networks are not perfect and packet losses occur. In order to cope with packet losses, the AQORD *LINK has implemented Pro-MPEG FEC according to Pro-MPEG Code of Practice #3 rev. 2. Pro-MPEG FEC is carried out on RTP packets.

The mechanism is based on the insertion of additional data containing the result of an XOR (exclusive OR)-operation of packets over a time window. The generation of FEC packets is based on the use of a matrix. The matrix size is defined by the number of columns (L) and the number of rows (D). By iterative operations it is possible to correct more than one missing packet per column or row.

Please note that $4 \leq L \leq 32$, $4 \leq D \leq 32$ and $L+D \leq 32$ and that the maximum matrix size is $256(L \times D)$. When using column FEC only, L is allowed to be in the range $1 \leq L \leq 32$. The size of the matrix is a trade between latency, transmission overhead and error protection.

Column FEC provides correction for consecutive burst packets loss of up to L packets. The FEC packets are generated per a column within the matrix allowing loss of any single media packet within a column or a burst of packets of errors within a row to be corrected through the FEC packet. **Column FEC is used to correct burst errors and random errors.**

Row FEC provides correction of non-consecutive packet loss and can correct any single packet loss within a row of media packets. The FEC packets are generated per a row allowing loss of any single packet to be recovered. **Row FEC is ideal for correcting random packet errors.**

Once the FEC packets have been computed they are transmitted with the media packets to the receiver site. FEC column packets are transmitted on UDP port $n+2$ and FEC row packets are transmitted on UDP port $n+4$ where n is the UDP port of the media data. This is in accordance with Pro-MPEG CoP 3.

10.3.1. DOWNLOAD PAGE





This menu allows saving in a file the profile set in the unit. Check all profile number you want to save and click “Download” button. This file can be used in another unit to set profile using the “Upload” Menu.

10.3.2. UPLOAD PAGE

This menu allows adding some profile using a file downloaded from another system. Check if you want to keep existing profiles or replace all profiles then click “Upload” button.

10.3.3. REPORT LOG PAGE

There are 3 different types of message:

- Information 
- Error 
- Warning 
- Debug 

10.4. USER DISK SPACE

10.4.1. "STORAGE STATUS" PAGE

Displays the status of the user disk space:

- Total capacity
- Free capacity (free space)
- Used capacity

The AQORD *LINK internal HDD size can be up to 1 Terabytes

10.4.2. "STORAGE AREA" PAGE

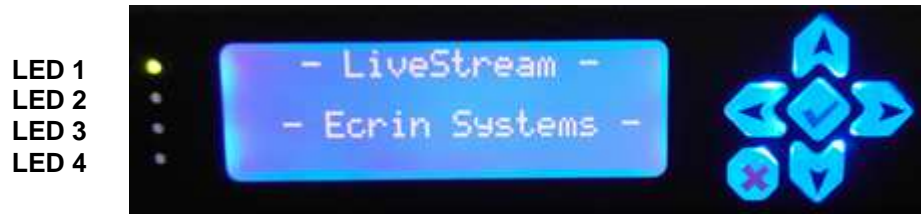
This page displays the content of user disk space.





If your web browser supports FTP, you can download the files from the user space.
Chapter 13 provides a way to store and download files from the user partition.


11. LOCAL INTERFACE DESCRIPTION


The local interface consists of:

- Four LEDs on the left of the display
- One LCD display
- One keypad (6 keys)

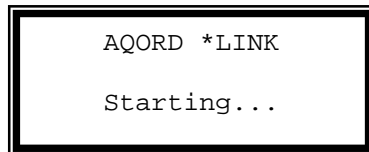


Generally, the "Up" , "Down" , "Right"  and "Left"  keys allow the User to navigate through menus.

The  key allows the User to validate the current action.

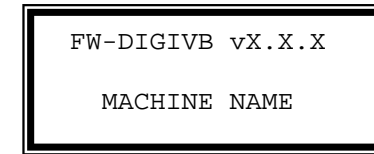
The  key allows the User to cancel the current action.

11.1. "AQORD *LINK STARTING" SCREEN





This screen is displayed during power up or reboot of the AQORD *LINK. The access to the Web Interface is not available while this screen is displayed.


11.2. DEFAULT SCREEN




This screen replaces the "AQORD *LINK Starting" screen. When it appears the device is ready for use.

11.3. "PROFILE" SCREEN

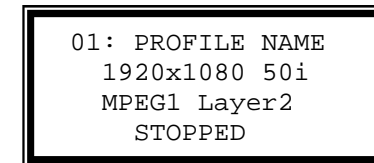
These "Up"  and "Down"  keys allows the User to select a Profile.

This  key allows the User to start a Profile.

This  key allows the User to stop a Profile.

11.3.1. DESCRIPTION

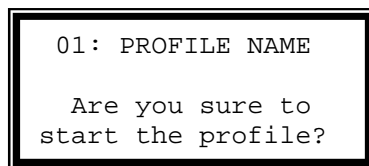
PROFILE 1 - Example:





A Profile consists of 4 lines:

1. Number : Profile name
2. Encoded Video raster
3. Audio Codec used
4. Profile status STOPPED/RUNNING


11.3.2. CONFIRMATION OF PROFILE STARTING ACTION



Confirm the launch of the Profile with the  key.

Cancel Profile from starting with the  key.

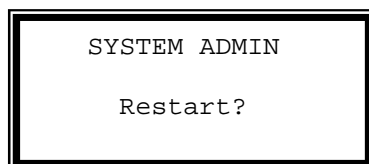
11.4. "ADMINISTRATION" SCREEN

To access the administration screens, when "default screen" is displayed, press the "Left" key .

The "Up"  and "Down"  keys allow to access to the various administration screens.

11.4.1. RESTART SCREEN

This screen allows the User to restart the AQORD *LINK. This is necessary when changing settings of ETH0 Ethernet interface (see Chapter 11.5).

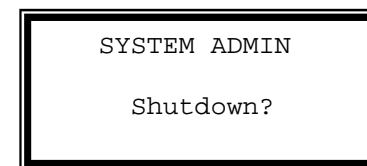


Press  to confirm AQORD *LINK restart.


Press  to cancel AQORD *LINK restart.

11.4.2. SHUTDOWN SCREEN

This screen allows the User to stop AQORD *LINK

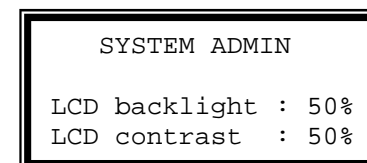


Press  to confirm AQORD *LINK shutdown.

Press  to cancel AQORD *LINK shutdown.

11.4.3. LCD BACKLIGHT/CONTRAST SCREEN

This screen allows the User to adjust the contrast and the backlight of the LCD display.



Use the arrow keys to change these settings.

11.4.4. FAN SCREEN

This screen displays the speed of each cooling fans.
Two fans provide efficient airflow inside the chassis to maintain an optimum temperature.

The fan speeds are controlled depending on the temperature of the chassis. Thus, the fan speed is automatically reduced when the ambient temperature is low. A corresponding reduction in the fan noise level will also be noticed in these conditions.

```
SYSTEM ADMIN

1 - XXXX rpm
2 - XXXX rpm
```

11.4.5. TEMPERATURES SCREEN

This screen displays the temperature measured at 3 points inside the AQORD *LINK chassis.

```
SYSTEM ADMIN

1 - 40.2°C / 104.3°F
2 - 25.8°C / 78.5°F
3 - 29.1°C / 84.4°F
```

In normal conditions of use, the highest temperature must not exceed 55°C (131 °F)

11.4.6. HDD USER AREA SCREEN

This screen displays the status of the user disk space:

- Total capacity
- Free capacity (free space)
- Used capacity

```
SYSTEM ADMIN

Total : xxx.x G
Free  : xxx.x G
Used  : xxx.x G
```

11.4.7. SDI STATUTS SCREEN


This screen displays the status of SDI inputs



- Lock or unlock

```
SYSTEM ADMIN

SDI #1 Locked
SDI #2 Unlocked
```

11.5. ETH0 CONNECTION SCREEN

To access the ETH0 screen, when the "default screen" is displayed, press the "Right" key .

The "Up"  and "Down"  keys allow th User to select the various configuration screens.

Use the arrow keys to change these settings.

11.5.1. IP ADDRESS SCREEN

```
ETH0 NETWORK SETTING

IP address
172.016.176.015
```

11.5.2. SUB MASK SCREEN

```
ETH0 NETWORK SETTING

Network mask
255.255.255.000
```

11.5.3. GATEWAY SCREEN

```
ETH0 NETWORK SETTING

Gateway address
xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx
```



11.6. FACTORY PARAMETER SCREEN

You can restore the factory settings of some parameters.

Two levels of restoration are possible:


- Minimal restoration
- Complete restoration

11.6.1. MINIMAL RESTORATION

To restore the minimal configuration, press the "Right"  and "Left"  keys simultaneously.

```
Are you sure
to restore
minimal factory
configuration ?
```



Press  to confirm AQORD *LINK minimal restoration.

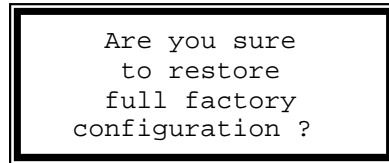
Press  to cancel AQORD *LINK minimal restoration.

List of initialized parameters:


- ETH0 parameters
 - IP address : 192.168.0.1
 - Sub-mask : 255.255.0.0
 - Gateway : 0.0.0.0
- Login and password
 - Login : admin
 - Password : admin
- AQORD *LINK name
- Contrast and backlight level at 50%

11.6.2. COMPLETE RESTORATION

To restore the complete configuration, press the "Up"  and "Down"  keys simultaneously.



Press  to confirm AQORD *LINK complete restoration.

Press  to cancel AQORD *LINK complete restoration.

List of initialized parameters:

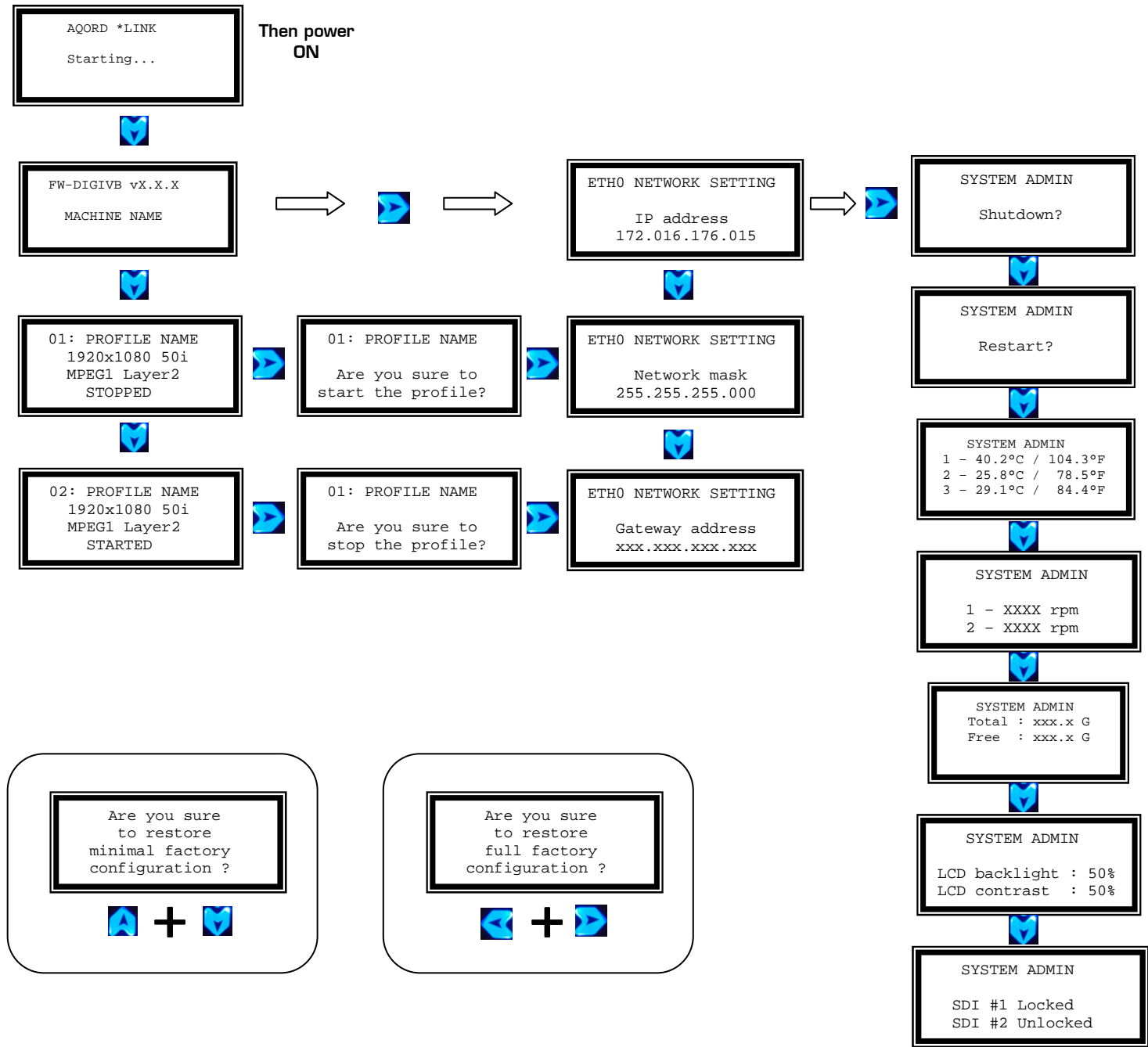
- Same as minimal restoration
- Reset Profile list

11.7. DEFINITION OF LED STATUS

This chapter describes the meaning of the four LEDs on front panel (on the left of the LCD display). The description of LEDs is from top to bottom (their positions are specified chapter 11).

- LED 1- AQORD *LINK status
 - Green = the AQORD *LINK is ready
 - Orange = the AQORD *LINK is main supplied but not started or it is being started.
- LED 2- Error LED
 - Green = no error
 - Red = temperature error (at least one sensor is reporting a temperature higher than 55°C) or a fan malfunction (at least one fan has a fan speed below 2000 rpm)
- LED 3- Encoding Channel 1 status
 - Orange = Idle
 - Green = Encoding or Transcoding are pending
- LED 4- Encoding Channel 2 status
 - Orange = Idle
 - Green = Encoding or Transcoding are pending

11.8. TREE STRUCTURE



12. MANAGING PROFILES


The Profile management is done through the Web interface.

To access the Web interface of the AQORD *LINK, follow the instructions below:

1. Start your Web browser (Firefox ou Internet Explorer) on a computer which has network access to the AQORD *LINK.
2. Enter the IP address of the AQORD *LINK in your Web browser. Example: <http://192.168.0.1> (this is the factory setting).
3. Enter the login and password of the AQORD *LINK (see chapter 11.6.1 for default values).
4. The “Home” page of the AQORD *LINK Web interface is now displayed.
5. Profile management is available through "Profile Administration".

12.1. DEFINE A NEW PROFILE


To create a new Profile, follow the instructions below:

5. In "Profile Administration" page click the “New Profile”  icon.
6. Choose the parameters that define the Profile. See chapter 10.3.2.1 for more details.
7. Click “Save Profile” button to save this new Profile.

The Profile now appears on the "Profile Management" page.


12.2. MODIFY PROFILE PARAMETERS

To modify a Profile, follow the instructions below:

1. In the "Profile Administration" page click the parameter icon  corresponding to the Profile to be modified.
2. The Profile parameters are now accessible and can be modified. See chapter 10.3.2.1 for more details.
3. Click the “Save Profile” button to save this new Profile.

12.3. DUPLICATE A PROFILE


It may be convenient to create a Profile from an existing Profile when few parameters vary. To duplicate a Profile follow the instructions below:

1. In "Profile Administration" page click the duplicate icon  corresponding to the Profile to be duplicated.

A new Profile is created at the bottom of the Profile list with the same name of the copied Profile preceded by "Copy". To modify the duplicated Profile, follow the instructions Chapter 12.2.

12.4. DELETE A PROFILE

To delete a Profile, follow the instructions below:

1. In the "Profile Administration" page click the delete icon  corresponding to the Profile to be deleted.
2. Confirm the deleting in the pop-up window.

13. USER DISK AREA : FILE TRANSFER

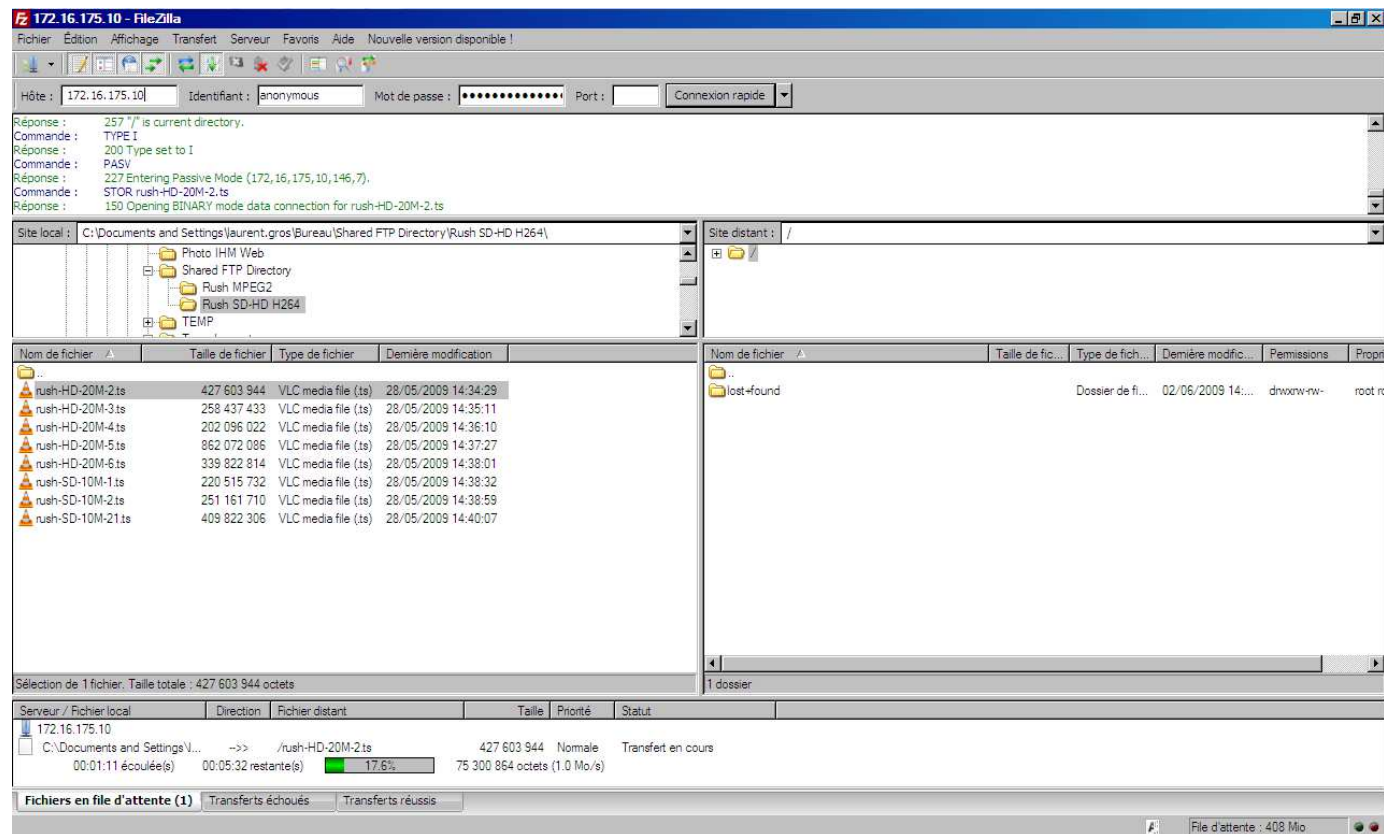
The AQORD *LINK includes an FTP server to write or read video files in the user disk area via FTP.

For this, use an FTP client to connect to the server and transfer files.

Login: anonymous (no password).

This account opens read, write, delete and create directory rights.

The image below shows an example of the FTP client using the FileZilla Internet Browser (FileZilla is free to download from the Internet Software):



14. SOFTWARE UPDATE

See chapter 10.2.8.

15. XML API

XML API allows to control the unit from another application or external equipment through the network.

15.1. GENERAL PRESENTATION

The Digigram video products provide a XML API that allows the following actions:

- start_profile : Start a profile.
- stop_profile : Stop a profile
- get_profile_list : Return the profile list
- restart : Restart the unit
- shutdown : Shutdown the unit
- get_hardware_status : Return the hardware status of the unit (temperature, Fan speed, IP address, Storage status)
- set_ip : Allow IP configuration.

15.2. HOW TO USE

The XML API is available by using the URL:

<http://@IP/xmlapi.php>

The XML request must be done using HTTP post command:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
```

```
<request>  
  <action>Action</action>  
  <data>  
    Arguments  
  </data>  
</request>
```

The answer of the HTTP post (request) will be :

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
```

```
<response>  
  <data>  
    Result  
  </data>  
  <error>  
    <errorType>Error code (number)</errorType>  
    <errorMessage>Error message</errorMessage>  
  </error>  
</response>
```

15.3. COMMANDS

15.3.1. START_PROFILE

This action allows to start a profile.

XML Request:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<request>
  <action>start_profile</action>
  <data>
    Profile index to start
  </data>
</request>
```

XML answer if no error:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<response>
  <data>
    ok
  </data>
</response>
```

XML answer if the profile does not exist (bad profile index):

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<response>
  <data>
    ko
  </data>
  <error>
    <errorType>2</errorType>
    <errorMessage>the profile index does not exist</errorMessage>
  </error>
</response>
```

XML answer if other errors:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<response>
  <data>
    ko
  </data>
  <error>
    <errorType>100</errorType>
    <errorMessage>Error message explaining the problem</errorMessage>
  </error>
</response>
```

15.3.2. STOP_PROFILE

This action allows to stop a profile.

XML request:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<request>
  <action>stop_profile</action>
  <data>
    profile index to stop
  </data>
</request>
```

XML answer if no error:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<response>
  <data>
    ok
  </data>
</response>
```

XML answer if profile index doesn't exist (bad profile index):

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<response>
  <data>
    ko
  </data>
  <error>
    <errorType>2</errorType>
    <errorMessage>the profile index does not exist</errorMessage>
  </error>
</response>
```

XML answer if other errors:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<response>
  <data>
    ko
  </data>
  <error>
    <errorType>100</errorType>
    <errorMessage>Error message explaining the problem</errorMessage>
  </error>
</response>
```

15.3.3. GET_PROFILE_LIST

This action returns the profile list.

For each profile, this command returns:

- The profile index
- The profile name
- The profile status (running or stopped)
- The bitrate (input/output) if the profile is running

If a profile index is set, this action returns only the status of this profile.

XML request:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<request>
  <action>get_profile_list</action>
  <data>
    profile index (empty = all profiles, index = one profile)
  </data>
</request>
```

XML answer if no error:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<response>
  <data>
    <profile>
      <index>profile index</index>
      <name>profile name</name>
      <status>stopped/running</status>
      <bitrate>
        <input>bitrate of the input stream</input>
        <output>bitrate of the output stream</output>
      </bitrate>
    </profile>
  </data>
</response>
```

XML answer if the profile index doesn't exist (bad profile index):

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<response>
  <error>
    <errorType>2</errorType>
    <errorMessage>the profile index does not exist</errorMessage>
  </error>
</response>
```


XML answer for other errors:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<response>
  <error>
    <errorType>100</errorType>
    <errorMessage>Error message explaining the problem</errorMessage>
  </error>
</response>
```

15.3.4. RESTART

This action restarts the system.

XML request:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<request>
  <action>restart</action>
  <data>
  </data>
</request>
```

XML answer if no error:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<response>
  <data>
    ok
  </data>
</response>
```

No error code managed for this action.

15.3.5. SHUTDOWN

This action stops the system.

XML request:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<request>
  <action>shutdown</action>
  <data>
  </data>
```

```
</request>
```

XML answer if no error:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<response>
  <data>
    ok
  </data>
</response>
```

No error code managed for this action.

15.3.6. GET_HARDWARE_STATUS

This action returns the hardware status of the system:

- System name.
- Temperature.
- Fan speed.
- IP address.
- CPU load.
- HDD status.

XML request:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<request>
  <action>get_hardware_status</action>
  <data>
  </data>
</request>
```

XML answer if no error:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<response>
  <data>
    <machineName>machine name</machineName>
    <temperature>
      <sensor1>temperature (sensor 1)</sensor1>
      <sensor2>temperature (sensor 2)</sensor2>
      <sensor3>temperature (sensor 3)</sensor3>
    </temperature>
    <fanSpeed>
```

```
<fan1>Fan speed (fan 1)</fan1>
<fan2>Fan speed (fan 2)</fan2>
</fanSpeed>
<networkInterfaces>
  <eth0>
    <ipAddress>ip address</ipAddress>
    <subnetMask>network mask</subnetMask>
    <gatewayAddress>gateway</gatewayAddress>
    <mode>disabled/dhcp/static</mode>
    <macAddress>mac address</macAddress>
  </eth0>
  <eth1>
    <ipAddress>ip address</ipAddress>
    <subnetMask>network mask</subnetMask>
    <gatewayAddress>gateway</gatewayAddress>
    <mode>disabled/dhcp/static</mode>
    <macAddress>mac address</macAddress>
  </eth1>
  <eth2>
    <ipAddress>ip address</ipAddress>
    <subnetMask>network mask</subnetMask>
    <gatewayAddress>gateway</gatewayAddress>
    <mode>disabled/dhcp/static</mode>
    <macAddress>mac address</macAddress>
  </eth2>
</networkInterfaces>
<cpu>cpu load (%)</cpu>
<storage>
  <freeCapacity>HDD free space (Go)</freeCapacity>
  <usedCapacity>HDD used space (Go)</usedCapacity>
</storage>
</data>
</response>
```

No error code managed for this action.

15.3.7. SET_IP

This action allows to configure the network ports.
At the end of this action, the system restarts automatically.

XML request:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<request>
  <action>set_ip</action>
  <data>
    <interface>
      <name>eth0/eth1/eth2</name>
      <mode>disabled/dhcp/static</mode>
      <ipAddress>ip address</ipAddress>
      <subnetMask>network mask</subnetMask>
      <gatewayAddress>gateway</gatewayAddress>
    </interface>
  </data>
</request>
```

The interface tag can be duplicated for configure several network ports (the limit is the number of the network port present on the system).
For ETH0, the mode is not configurable. ETH0 is always configured in static mode (mode is ignored).

XML answer if no error:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<response>
  <data>
    ok
  </data>
</response>
```

XML answer if the network port doesn't exist:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<response>
  <error>
    <errorType>10</errorType>
    <errorMessage>the network interface does not exist</errorMessage>
  </error>
</response>
```

XML answer for other errors:

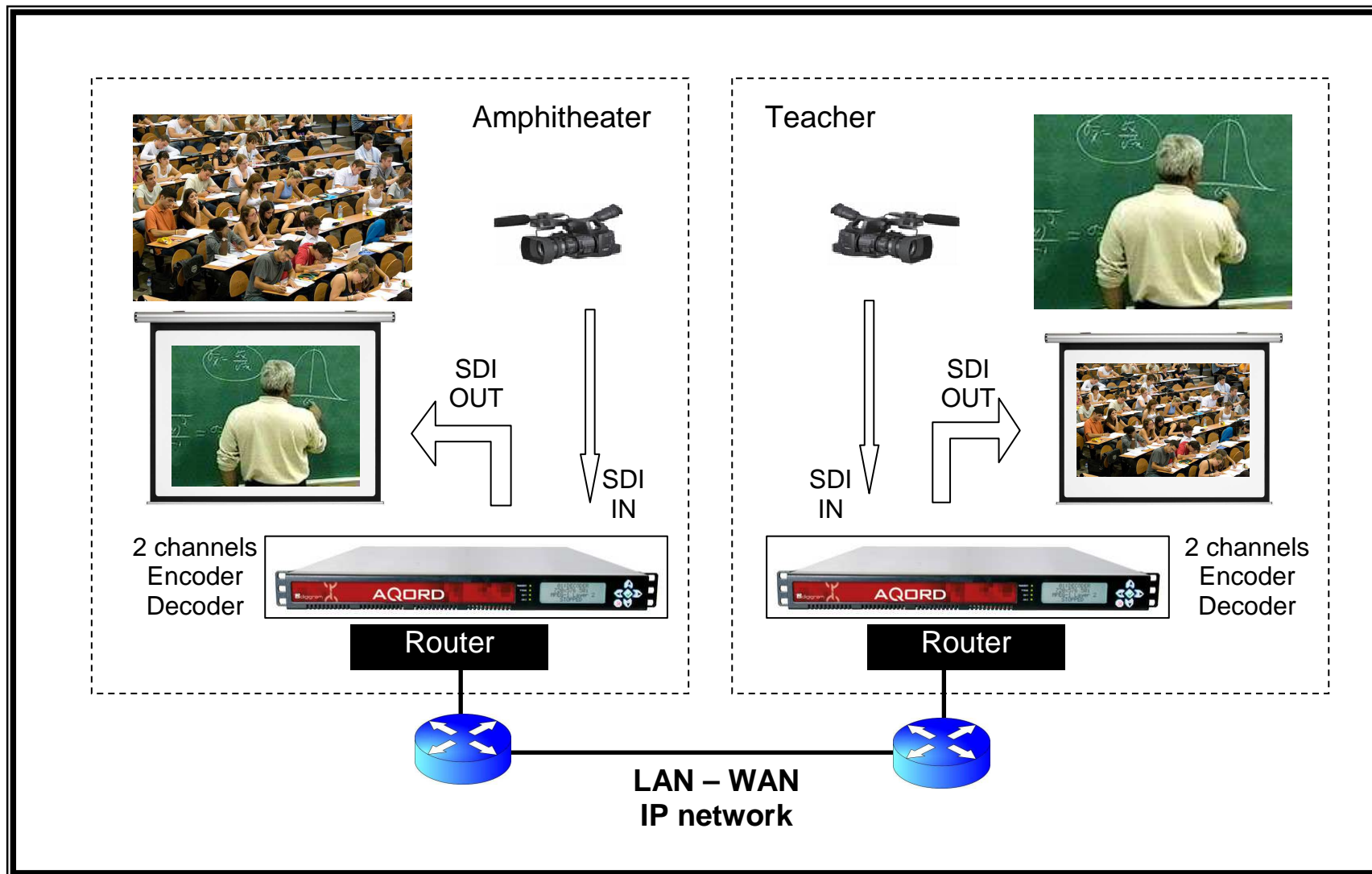
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<response>
  <error>
    <errorType>100</errorType>
    <errorMessage>Error message explaining the problem</errorMessage>
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16. TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

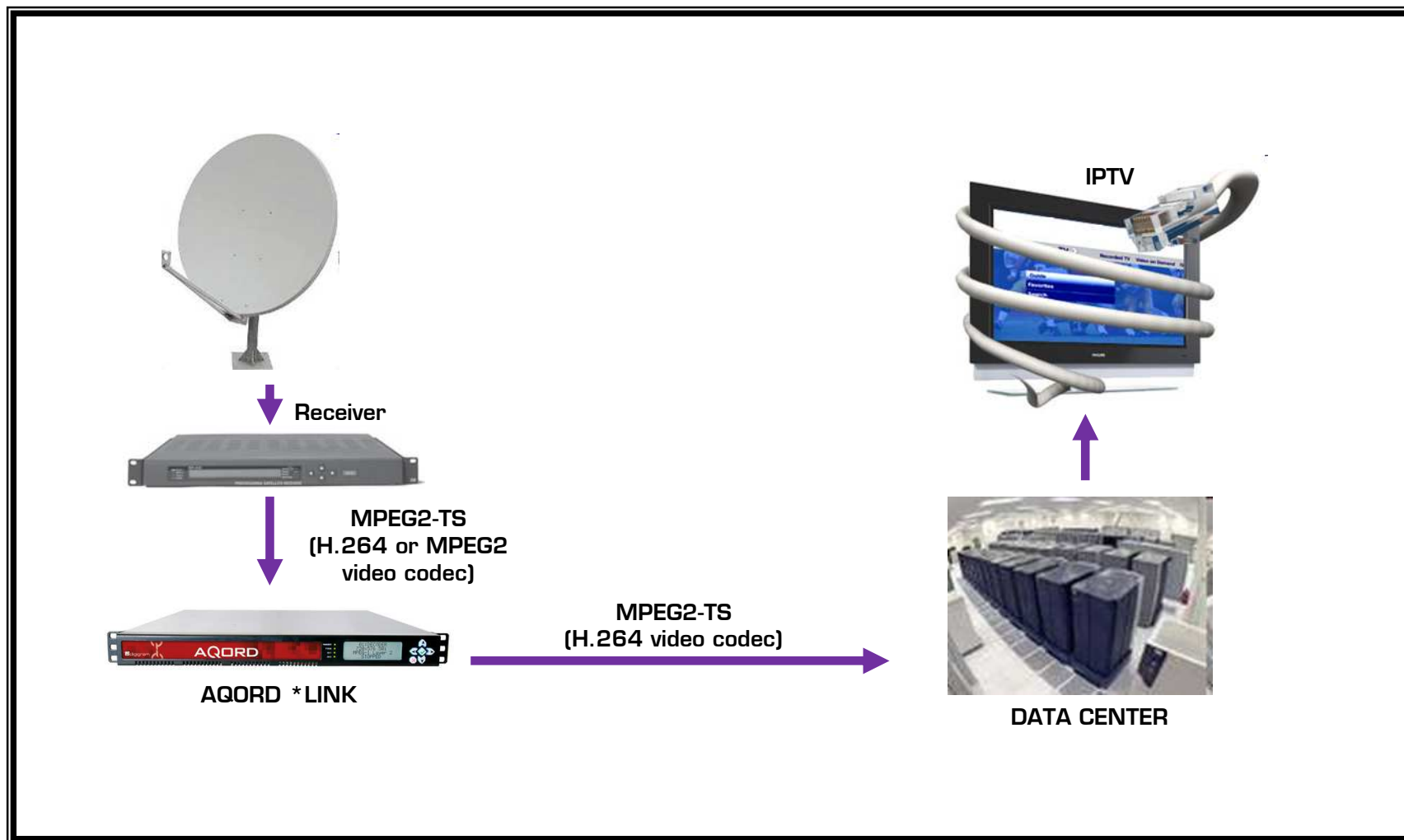
The AQORD *LINK can address different markets like Braodcast and IPTV. This section presents some typical applications for these markets like:

- Full Duplex video transfert for conferencing, training, meeting for corporate or academic applications.
- H.264 or MPEG2 video codec to H.264 hardware transcoding to reduce bitrate for IPTV application while maintaining a good video quality.
- Point to point contribution to transmit high video quality over long distances through IP network.
- Live Event Contribution to Studio for video processing.
- IPTV video distribution on Local Area Network for SetTopBox or computer player.

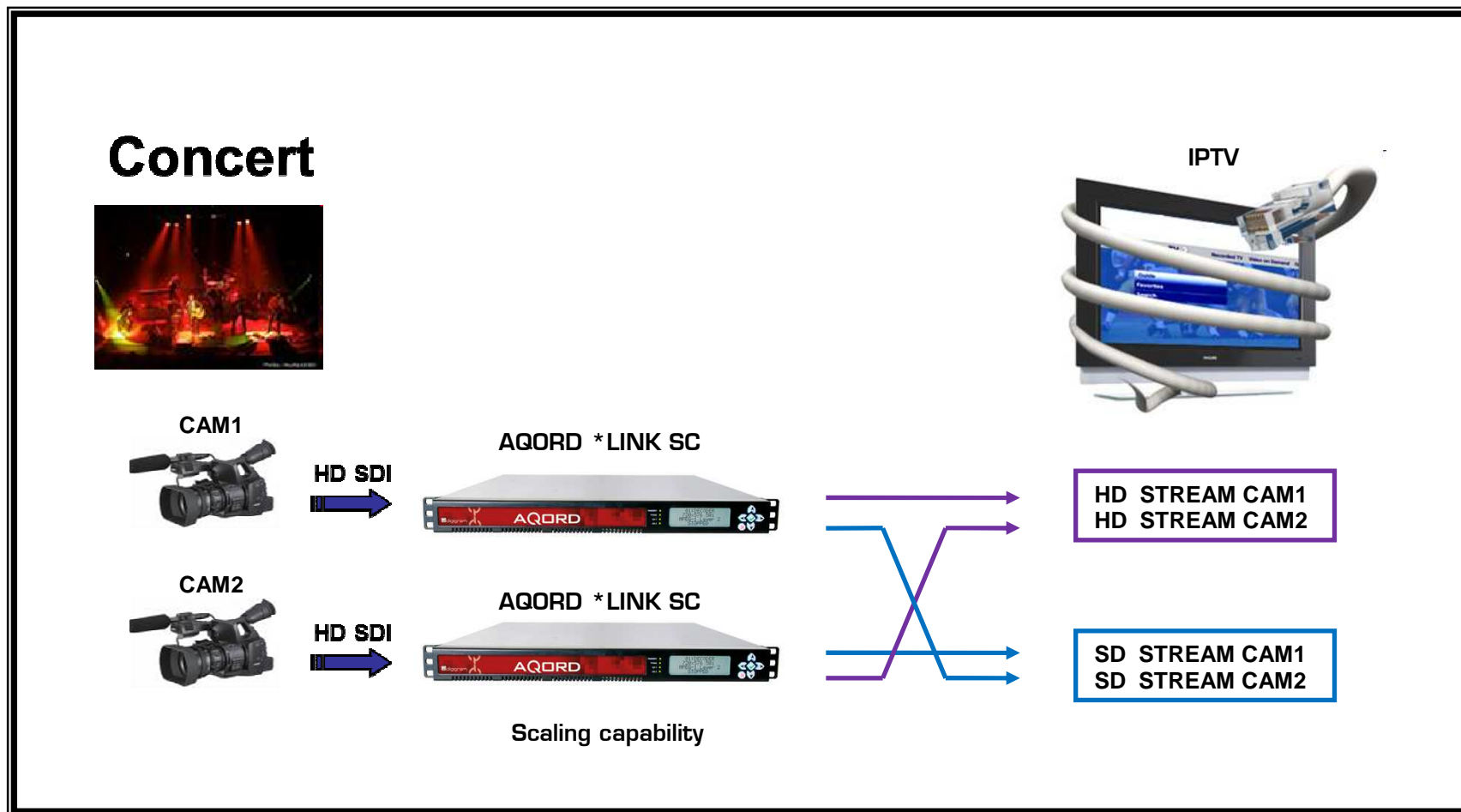
16.1. DUPLEX APPLICATION : ACADEMIC APPLICATION EXAMPLE



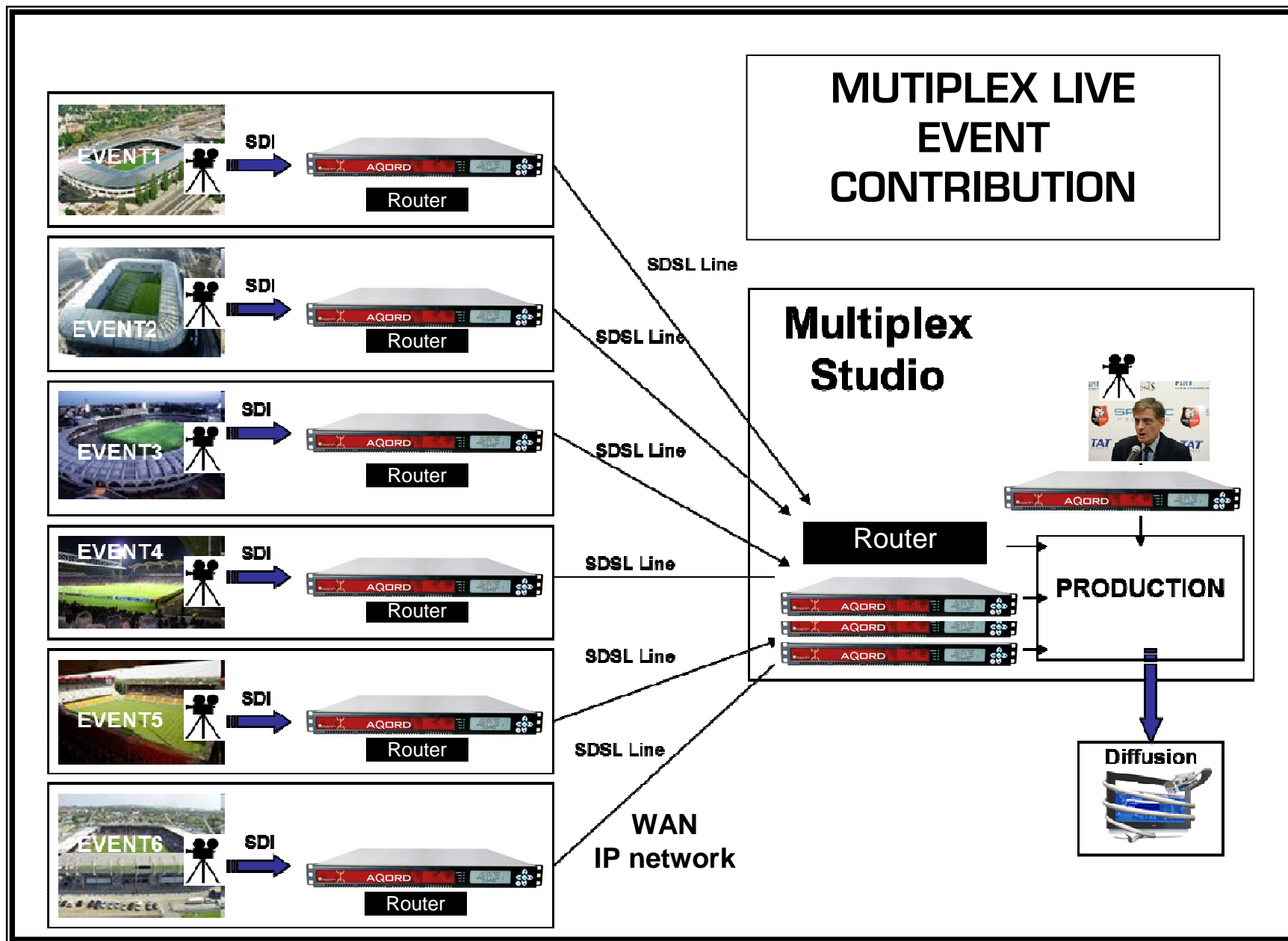
16.2. TRANSCODING MPEG2 OR H.264 INPUT TO H.264 CODEC OUTPUT



16.3. DUAL HD AND SD ENCODING USING THE SAME HD-SDI INPUT



16.4. LIVE EVENT TO STUDIO CONTRIBUTION



17. GLOSSARY

Term	Description
CBR	"Constant Bit Rate": The encoding is done at a constant rate very close to the value of "Video Rate" defined.
BALANCED AUDIO	Audio numeric interface. Connector used: XLR
ETHERNET	RJ45 connectors: \ 10 Base-T : 10 Mb/s \ 100 Base-T : 100 Mb/s \ 1000 Base-T : 1000 Mb/s (Gigabit Ethernet)
GOP	Groups of Pictures, which consist of keyframes and delta frames.
FEC	The Pro-MPEG CoP #3 FEC scheme uses the RTP transport protocol as a building block for providing packet recovery techniques to ensure reliable real-time media transport.
FIREFOX	Web browser: http://www.firefox.com
CHROME	Web browser: https://www.google.com/chrome/
H.264/AVC	H264 is a standard codec for video encoding. H264 allows two times more compression than MPEG2 for the same image quality.
HD	High definition video
HDD	Hard Disk Drive
MPEG	Motion Picture Expert Group
MPEG2	MPEG2 is a standard codec for video encoding
MPEG2-TS	MPEG2 Transport Stream. Do not be confused with the MPEG2 Codec.
PID	An MPEG2-TS is composed of video stream, audio stream, subtitles etc... Each of these packages is composed of an elementary packet stream stamped with a unique identification number, or Packet Identifier (PID)
PCR	<i>Program Clock Reference</i> . In order for the decoder to synchronize to the correct decoding speed of the TS packet a PCR Packet is periodically inserted.
PMT	<i>Program Mapping Table</i> . Identifies and shows different PID for each program contained in the MPEG2 TS stream.
SD	Standard definition video
SDI	"Serial Digital Interface", raw video interface using BNC 75 Ohms cable. Bit rate of 270 Mbits/s for SD video, 1.5Gbits/s for HD video (1080i)
STREAMING	The "streaming" function allows AQORD *LINK to send or receive video in real time over the Ethernet network. During transmission the video is sent from the hard disk. During reception the video is stored on the hard disk.
Ta	Ambient temperature
TRANSCODING	The "Transcoding" function enables the conversion of a video file compressed with an MPEG2 codec SD/HD into a video compressed with an H.264 codec SD/HD.
USB	"Universal Serial Bus". Standard of connection between a computer and its peripherals.
VBR	"Variable Bit Rate": The encoding is done at a rate that varies depending on the video content. The bit rate is maintained equal to or below the "Video Rate" defined.

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